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CONFIDENTIALCLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET-CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORTTOPIC Military Information from DresdenEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 50X1-HUMDATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 28 July 1950REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

1. The quarters of the SS Kaserne, Dresden-Trachenberge (N 52/ F 29), were about 70 percent illuminated on the evening of 20 June 1950. The troops in the barracks, estimated at 600 to 700, wore red-bordered black epaulets with and without artillery insignia. Some soldiers wore radio and motor transport insignia. (1).

2. Units at platoon level practiced patrolling at the Heller training area, digging-in under combat conditions and attacking, subsequently penetrating positions. Motor vehicles were observed. 50X1-HUM

3. The Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Dresden-Klotzsche, was occupied on 20 June 1950 by a rear element of 195 - 200 men belonging to the tank unit which had gone to Koenigsbrueck. There was no routine training activity. The northern section of the installation has housed a Volkspolizei unit since early June 1950. Motor vehicle were identified. (2) 50X1-HUM

4. The Napola, or former Nazi training school, in Dresden-Klotzsche was occupied by 400 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets either without branch-of-service insignia or with artillery, radio or tank insignia. The officers' club across the street was not used. The adjoining apartment houses, which had been occupied by troops of the artillery unit, were vacant on 20 June 1950. Motor vehicles were identified there. (3) 50X1-HUM

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5. On 20 June 1950 the barracks on Washingtonstrasse in Dresden-Uebigau were again occupied to capacity. All windows of the installation were illuminated that evening. Most of the troops were 17 or 18 years of age. Instructors and NCOs wore war decorations. The drilling of troops was heard from the barracks yard. Troops wore black-bordered black epaulets with and without radio insignia, and red-bordered black epaulets with and without radio or motor transport insignia. Motor vehicle [redacted]

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[redacted] were noted. (4)

Comments.

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- (1) The number of troops in the installation has increased by about 200 since 20 May 1950 [redacted] Recruits may have arrived since then.
- (2) The Volkspolizei unit in one section of the installation was reported for the first time.
- (3) [redacted] the barracks to be only lightly occupied in late April 1950 [redacted]
- (4) Recruits for the units of the 11th Gds Tank Div and the headquarters units of the First Gds Mecz Army stationed there presumably arrived after 20 May 1950 when the last report was received. [redacted]

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